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Read how Marnie, who came into our care so skinny that her ribs and hip bones were showing, became the precious gem of our latest fundraising campaign, raising over \$435,000 to help RSPCA WA care for more animals just like her...

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You may recall the story of Marnie from our recent Tax Appeal, we know that just like ours, your hearts broke when reading about her traumatic ordeal.

The sweet two-year-old dog had a rough start to life and motherhood. She was neglected by the one person who was supposed to love and care for her. Not only did she suffer, but so did her puppies.

With your support, however, we were able to rehabilitate her and give her the love and kindness she needed to get back on all four paws.

When it was time for Marnie to be adopted, her foster carer Jessica Gill enthusiastically welcomed the sweet girl into her home permanently.

Marnie now lives with a greyhound brother named



Eric and she is truly living the life she deserves!

Ms Gill said Marnie adjusted to her family surprisingly fast.

"Especially considering her background," she said.

"She took a lot of cues from her greyhound brother, Eric, who is extremely chill, and that really helped her relax into the new environment.

"We quickly learned she's much more curious and intelligent than Eric (sorry Eric) as she managed to get into a lot of mischief that he had never figured out – including upending the kitchen spice rack, eating the TV remote, drenching the house in oat milk and stealing an entire bag of dental treats.

"We eventually learned how to 'Marnie-proof' the house and she now saves the chewing for her dog toys (although the occasional shoe is still not safe)."

Ms Gill said she and her family love how affectionate Marnie is and classed her a "stage-five clinger".

"She strongly believes she's a lap dog even though she's 34kg, and her favourite spot is curled up or roaching next to us on the couch.

"One funny trait is that her tail wags up and down rather than side to side – it's like she was assembled incorrectly but in the cutest way!

"She also makes an adorable scrunched-up face to protect her lips before she chomps down on her favourite toys."

Marnie's typical day starts with a jump up on the bed for a cuddle before breakfast. If Ms Gill is working from home, they will spend some time out on the deck and Marnie will assume guard dog duties (intensely staring at birds in the garden). She engages in some morning zoomies before taking a nap with Eric.

In the afternoon, she will usually go for a walk, play a game of fetch, or take a trip to the dog park before dinner.



Ms Gill said Marnie loves to spend time on the couch in the evenings and now that it is getting colder, she eagerly awaits her pyjamas and demands to be tucked in with a blanket for bed time.

Choosing a rescue dog as their next dog was an important decision for Ms Gill and her family.

"There are so many dogs that end up at rescue homes due to no fault of their own, and they deserve loving homes," she said.

"Marnie is such a loving, joyful and trusting dog, and we can't comprehend how anyone could ever mistreat her like they did.

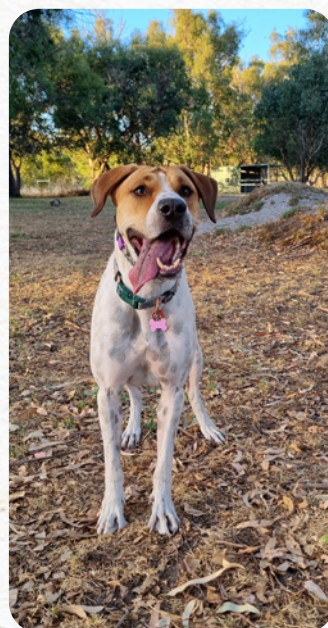
"The work RSPCA WA does to rescue animals from neglect, to help them recover and find loving homes is incredibly important.

"Marnie is the sweetest, most kind-natured dog with so much love to give. You'd never know she had such a horrible start to life.

"We strongly encourage people who are thinking of adding a dog to their family to look into rescues such as RSPCA WA – there are so many dogs who deserve a loving home."

As you can see, Marnie is absolutely living her best life now and probably one that she couldn't have even imagined when she was hopeless and starving in that backyard.

Marnie is a symbol of the incredible impact your kind support has on WA's most vulnerable animals. Thank you from everyone at RSPCA WA for your continuing generosity.



A word from Lynne

It's so lovely to have the opportunity to speak to you again and share my extreme gratitude for your support through RSPCA WA's Great & Small magazine.

As always, we have a packed edition for you full of heartwarming stories about the animals you've helped save, and stories shining a spotlight on generous supporters like you who make a real, lasting difference to animal welfare in WA.

One of those stories is an update on Marnie – the sweet, melt-your-heart face of our recent Tax Appeal. Marnie arrived in our care in an awful state after suffering prolonged neglect. Her recovery has been slow, gentle and made possible only by the kindness of people like you. She's now where she always belonged, in a warm, loving home with a full belly every day.

As I sit writing this, something wonderful has happened and I wanted to share a bit of the day-to-day life at RSPCA WA with you. Each morning, two dedicated staff open the mail before they do anything else. Every time a donation of \$1000 or more comes in, they ring a little bell. This morning it's been rung six times! That is truly a display of amazing generosity, but I want to assure you, so is **every single donation**. Whether it's \$5 or \$500, your gift helps provide the shelter, vet care and behaviour support that turns lives like Marnie's around.

By the time this magazine lands in your letterbox, you may also have seen our brand-new TV ad, *This is Love*. It follows the journey of Ollie the wolfhound and offers a glimpse into the often unseen side of animal rescue. It shows that love isn't always cuddles and pats – sometimes it's poo, piles of laundry, sleepless nights, surgeries and even saying goodbye when it's the kindest option.

The work isn't always easy. But it *is* love. And it's your support that makes it all possible.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Lynne Bradshaw AM
Chair of the Board RSPCA WA

FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING: MEOW MEOW'S TAIL



When Meow Meow arrived at RSPCA WA, she was not in a good way.

Severely emaciated, her ribs, hips and spine were visible. Her fur was patchy from self-induced alopecia, this poor kitty was pulling her own fur out –

a heartbreaking sign of prolonged stress and suffering. She had been left to fend for herself, without food, comfort, or kindness.

Quiet and unsure, Meow Meow watched with cautious eyes as our team approached. She didn't hiss or hide – she simply waited, as if hoping this time might be different.

And it was.

The hands that reached out were gentle. They offered soft blankets, soothing words, and bowls of nourishing food. With each passing day, Meow Meow began to realise she was finally

somewhere safe – somewhere she could start to heal.

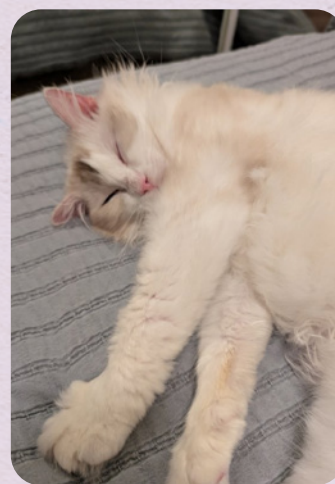
Meow Meow bloomed in foster care.

With patience, love, and stability, her fur began to regrow. Her eyes brightened. She started to purr, explore, and most importantly, trust that she would be loved and cared for.

Now, Meow Meow isn't just surviving – she's thriving. And the best part? Her foster carer has fallen head over heels for her and plans to make her a permanent part of the family.

From forgotten to forever loved, Meow Meow's transformation is a testament to what compassion can do. And it's your support that makes second chances like this possible.

Thank you for helping Meow Meow find her way home.



Team RSPCA WA stormed to the finish line



What else can we say aside from 'Thank You!' for such an incredible fundraising result for this year's HBF Run for a Reason event!

So many dedicated and passionate animal lovers battled the rain to run for animals in need this May, and we want to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated for their incredible efforts and for choosing RSPCA WA as their reason to run, walk, or roll. Their commitment to raising funds for animals in need has made a meaningful impact and we're thrilled to share the results.



The community have helped raise a total of \$11,551 to support better animal welfare in WA. This is a fantastic achievement. Every dollar raised helps to protect and care for neglected and mistreated animals. Thank you!

We have many more fun events and fundraising opportunities to get involved in throughout the year. Keep an eye on our website!

Beans' life changed before her eyes!



Beans, who was originally named Muffin, came into our care alongside her siblings Dawnie, Riley, Shelby, and Minnie in October last year. While most of her siblings were found to be healthy after a quick vet check, Beans had one noticeable difference that our veterinary team spotted immediately - a condition called cherry eye.

Cherry eye is a relatively common condition in certain dog breeds, mostly affecting young dogs below the age of two. It occurs when a dog's third eyelid gland, which plays an important role in eye lubrication, becomes displaced. The gland then protrudes and appears red and swollen – much like a tiny cherry – hence the name.

Thankfully, Beans only had cherry eye in one of her eyes. In some unfortunate cases, both eyes can be affected, which can make recovery more complex. If left untreated, the condition can cause chronic discomfort. Dogs with untreated cherry eye may paw at or rub the area, which can lead to more serious complications such as conjunctivitis, corneal damage, or even long-term vision loss.

Our veterinary team quickly scheduled surgery for Beans to correct the issue. The procedure was a complete success, and today, she is pain-free and able to see the world clearly. After her recovery, Beans was adopted into a wonderful, loving home.

This life-changing surgery was only made possible thanks to the generous donations from people like you. Your support ensures our veterinary team can continue providing critical care to dogs like Beans who need it most. Thank you for making a difference!



JUSTICE WAS SERVED FOR ANIMALS WHO SUFFERED HOARDING

In March, two animal cruelty offenders received suspended prison sentences for 12 months in relation to the seizure of 67 animals from their Gidgegannup property on two separate occasions.

The conditions were appalling, and the animals were suffering.

A team of six RSPCA WA inspectors, two vets, four staff members, and WA Police officers, arrived at the property in January 2023 with brave faces and open hearts, ready to rescue the hopeless souls.

Household rubbish, rotting food, building materials, and animal cages filled the enclosures and paddocks of the hoarded animals.

Horses, goats, cats, dogs, guinea pigs, rats, rabbits, birds, and quails were fighting to stay alive.

It was hot and dusty, and the task at hand was mighty, but the team powered through and rescued each and every one of the animals – transporting them to the safety of RSPCA WA.

Inspectors immediately spotted three tethered dogs who appeared heat stressed.

At the back of the property, inspectors located a goat with severely overgrown hooves. He was clearly in pain and struggling to stand or walk. Nearby, two other goats were tied up and unable to reach water.



Near the entry to the home, there were many overcrowded cages containing guinea pigs, rabbits, rats, and birds. Most of the animals had no clean water or sufficient protection from the heat and were living among faeces. Some of the guinea pigs had open sores on their bodies and one was sadly already deceased, while several rats and rabbits were visibly heat stressed.

Inside the home, the conditions were shocking. There were large piles of rubbish, which reached the ceiling in some places, and a strong smell of ammonia and faeces. One inspector noted the smell was so bad that it burned her eyes and nose.

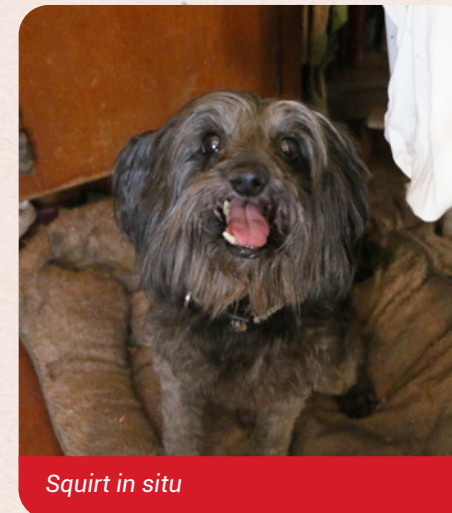
Two small dogs were living inside the home. A female named Molly had a suspected fractured jaw and severe dental infection, while the male, named Squirt, had dental disease and painful osteoarthritis. Six cats were living in crates with excessive faeces and no bedding or water. A subsequent vet check found they were all dehydrated.

On the RSPCA's second attendance at the property, a magpie, several more goats, and two horses were seized.

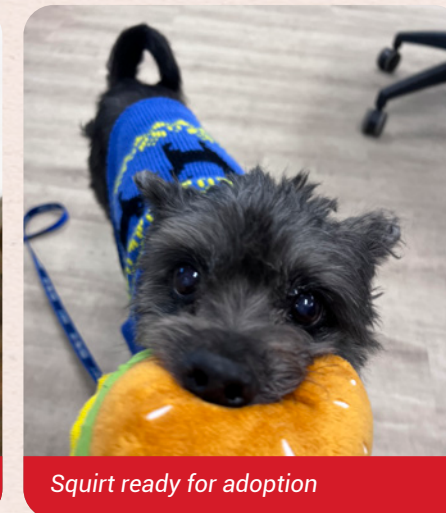


Eleven of the 67 animals seized had to be humanely euthanised due to the severity of their condition. The others recovered under the care of RSPCA WA and have since been adopted or are in foster care.

They offenders were banned from owning animals for 15 years with the exception of one



Squirt in situ



Squirt ready for adoption

dog and one bird for the male offender and one dog and one cat for the female offender. The offenders are required to allow inspectors to monitor the condition of these animals and enforce the order, and they must take the animals to a vet at least once every 12 months.

In total, the pair were ordered to pay \$25,783.86 in reimbursement costs to RSPCA WA, \$8,000 in legal costs and further costs of \$2,500. The female offender also received a \$1,000 global fine for charges of hindering and threatening an inspector.

The long-term care, medical attention, foster care, behavioural training, and rehabilitation of these ill-treated animals would not be possible without the generosity and incredible kindness of our supporters.

Shia's wonderful life

This adoption update had the team in tears. Happy tears, of course!

We recently received an adoption update from Shia, a dog who was adopted from our Malaga shelter in 2010. This Staffy x Boxer came into our care as a puppy because her owner had developed allergies toward her.

Shia is now nearly 15 years old and going strong.

Her owners, Kyrsten and Daniel, said while her hearing and eyesight are starting to go, and she sadly lost her fur brother Major Tom a few months ago, she is living her best life and continues to bring them joy.

"My husband and I actually originally went to the facility to look for a dog for my mum after our family dog passed, but ended up going home with Shia," Kyrsten said.

"It really was love at first sight, she was so sweet and gentle and great at following commands, which is quite funny because she has never been as well behaved as she was that day we met her.

"She has always been a bit of a wild child,



stealing roasts from the kitchen bench, chasing the horse around the paddock, climbing up hills like a mountain goat, but her adventures always made for a good laugh and a funny story.

"She's the glue of our family and we are just so grateful she came into our lives. Thank you for all that you do RSPCA. You are amazing."

We're so happy that Shia was given such a wonderful second chance, and has lived a full, happy life. We hope that all animals get a second chance as beautiful as Shia did.

Chai and Jack found their angel in Julie

RSPCA WA could not work toward its goal of a world free of animal cruelty without the enduring kindness of our supporters. One of these angels is Julie Millias – a donor, foster carer, and now proud paw-rent of two RSPCA WA rescues!

After ten years as Rescue Team donors, Ms Millias and her partner first became foster carers in 2022 when they heard RSPCA WA needed foster carers for the 39 labradoodles seized from a puppy mill. Four-year-old Chai entered into their care and found what would eventually become her fur-ever home.

Feeling like Chai needed a friend, and ready to open their home and hearts to another foster dog, Ms Millias and her partner took on Cream Boy, now named Jack.

"We felt Chai needed a friend and were more confident in our abilities to care for another dog in need," she said.

"Both Chai and Jack have different levels of anxiety, but we can provide them a calm, quiet environment where they can relax and be themselves.

"We know Chai and Jack will never be 'café' dogs, but that's okay.

"We go at their pace and let them live their best lives."

Ms Millias said she gets the most joy out of watching the three-three-three process play out when welcoming an animal in need into her home.

This process involves giving the animal three days to decompress, three weeks to feel comfortable, and three months to settle in.

"Your first instinct is to take them in your arms and hold them, but knowing they need time to gain confidence in their new home and surroundings means you can give them the space and time they need," Ms Millias said.

"Gaining their trust and seeing them happy is the best feeling.

"It's also wonderful seeing their personalities come out – Chai is very 'spicy', just like her name and Jack is very calm and laid back.



"It can be a bit overwhelming when you first take on a rescue dog, but you learn to be patient.

"Some days are chaos, and you question if you've done the right thing. Just remind yourself that this too shall pass, and you start a new day tomorrow with a clean slate."

Ms Millias said her favourite memory with Chai since adopting her was the moment she realised the groodle finally felt safe in her new home.

"Chai was very shut down when she came to us," she said.

"The first time she came up to me when I was quietly sitting on the couch and rubbed up against me for her first real pat made me so happy. A little switch went off and she knew she was safe and could come to me for comfort, such a rewarding moment.

"Jack is such a big floof. I've really enjoyed watching him come out of his shell and play with Chai. He's a gentle, sweet boy who loves cuddles on the couch. The first time he slept on his back, feet up in the air, I knew he was happy and relaxed.

"Happy hour always puts a smile on my face when they do their zoomies which consist of a number of laps through the house, around the back yard, back in the house and around again."

Ms Millias said her and her partner support RSPCA WA as they feel their values of care and compassion align with the animal welfare charity.

"There are many ways to offer support depending on what stage in life you've reached. My partner and I are close to retirement, so we're transitioning from monetary support, into foster care and eventually volunteering," she said.

"We are so appreciative of all the hard work and support provided by the foster team. A huge thank you goes out to Leah and Kealy – knowing they are there makes fostering so much easier."

To find out more about becoming a foster carer, visit our website.

OVER 600 PET OWNERS IN NEED HELPED



Over the past few months, RSPCA WA has held four Community Action Days across the state and provided support at an event in the Kimberley to help pet owners facing hard times and financial struggles. These events give RSPCA WA the opportunity to give back to the community that so generously supports us.

Across the five events – with the help of our generous sponsors VetWest, South Metropolitan TAFE, and MSD Animal Health – RSPCA WA has helped more than 600 pet owners and their four-legged family members.

All of those community members in Kelmscott, Albany, Balga, Clarkson, and the Kimberley were helped with free vet consultations and checks, welfare and dog training advice, and microchipping if they had not already microchipped their dogs.

A total of 63 dogs were microchipped at these events, 1,100kg of dog and cat food was provided, 558 units of parasite control were handed out, and six chain collars were exchanged for safer, soft collars.

At each event, a range of dog coats, beds, harnesses, leads, collars, and chew toys are also handed out to those in need.

Thank you for your continued support and compassion for not only WA's pets but their owners too.



BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

You're in for a night of hilarious hijinks!

Whether you're there for the comedy, the chaos, or the chance to win quirky prizes, one thing's for sure – this is not your average bingo night.

We'd love you to join us for a fun night, so wear your best slippers and bring your purse to help us raise money for animals in need!

SAVE THE DATE!

Or head to rspcawa.org.au

WHEN: Friday, 5 September
WHERE: Subiaco Football Club, Leederville

Double your impact to help animals in need

One of our favourite days happens every year in October to coincide with World Animal Day – it's Give To Get Them Home.

For one day only, donations to RSPCA WA are doubled to help twice the number of animals find their forever homes!

This is how it works – generous individual donors and corporate partners agree to dollar match donations made during the 24 hours of RSPCA WA's Give To Get Them Home.

Last year, this resulted in more than \$385,000 being raised in just one day!

As the impacts of cost-of-living and housing issues continue, a lot of people are struggling to look after their animals with many making the incredibly difficult decision to surrender their pets. That's increased costs for us and means even more animals to find forever homes for.

RSPCA WA relies on financial donations to cover many operational costs so days like Give To Get Them Home are crucial.

Last year, generous animal lovers like you answered the call – can we count on you again this year?

You can make a lasting and genuinely fulfilling impact this year by donating on 2 October and having your donation doubled. Please, put the date in your calendar today to double your impact!

To donate, go to rspcagivingday.com on 2 October or call 9209 9311. Give To Get Them Home is supported by Royal Canin, Peter Alexander, and MSD Animal Health.



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Do you want to help us raise double the funds on the day? If you have the means to pledge \$1000 or more to become a matched giver please email Lisa Torre at ltorre@rspcawa.org.au.



Kitten stakes out RSPCA WA for 10 days

RSPCA WA got a call in May about a kitten potentially being stuck in the roof space of a physiotherapist's office in Bayswater, prompting a swift response from our inspectors.

Inspectors Candice Campbell and Fiona Robertson attended the job, finding DFES firefighters already on site and trying to locate the kitten to no avail.

The inspectors set a humane trap in the roof space – no easy feat given how small the manhole was – and came back the next day in the hopes the small ball of white fluff had found his way into the trap.

Unfortunately, luck was not on their side and the kitten had avoided the trap all together! The staff at the physiotherapist's office reported hearing meowing and rustling in the early hours of the morning and they had even seen his little body sitting on top of the sky light.

The inspectors would then revisit the office every second day for ten days.

"No one could get into the roof space, there was lots of insulation and a water heater up there," Inspector Campbell said.

"The physio staff were so helpful and even let us leave the manhole open with a ladder with towels hanging off each rung set up so if the kitten was brave enough to come out of the manhole he would be able to use the towels to climb down.

"Over the ten days of us, the staff, and even the furies coming out a second time and lifting tiles off the roof to find another way in, trying to help

the kitten out of the roof space, he just evaded every attempt.

"The physio staff said they hadn't heard the kitten for a few days so we went back out to basically pick up the trap and let them know to reach back out again if they heard or saw him.

"As Fiona poked her head into the manhole so she could reach in and get the trap she exclaimed 'I see the kitten! We are staring right at each other', but as she tried to pick him up, he ran away again."

The inspectors set the trap back up, this time with lots and lots of food knowing he would be hungry, and eagerly awaited heading back the next day in the hopes of finally rescuing him.

Thankfully, the next day he was in the trap and finally able to be brought to the Animal Care Centre in Malaga where he would be fed, vaccinated, and behaviourally assessed.

He was a little unhappy at first given the ten day ordeal he had been through, but with the love and care of our inspectors, animal attendants, vets, and volunteers, he learned to love humans after all.

The sweet kitten has now been adopted into a loving family and was named Frosty!

Inspector Campbell said she was relieved to hear Frosty had been adopted now.

"Over those ten days, I was literally lying awake at night trying to think of another solution to help get him out of there," she said.

Frosty is living his best life with his new family in Warwick and we are all so pleased his rescue story has a heartwarming ending.



INCLUDE A CHARITY WEEK - THE DIFFERENCE YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE

Include a Charity Week, from 2-8 September 2025, aims to encourage people to include a gift in their Will to charity and support their favourite causes into the future.

People who include a gift to RSPCA WA in their Will have a huge impact on the number of animals we are able to protect and care for. Animal lovers just like you, who included a gift to RSPCA WA when they wrote or updated their Will many years or even decades ago, are now enabling us to care for even more animals.

It's surprisingly easy to include a gift in your Will. Firstly, you will need to include the following organisational information in your Will: Royal



Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Western Australia (RSPCA WA), 108 Malaga Drive, MALAGA WA 6090, ABN 48 626 609 587.

Secondly, you will need to decide what kind of gift you would like to make. It could be a percentage of your estate, an amount of money, or an asset such as shares or property.

Everyone at RSPCA WA would like to sincerely thank you if you have already included a gift in your Will. Your gift, whether small or large, will help us protect and care for more animals in the future.

If you feel comfortable sharing with us that you have included a gift in your Will, we would be very grateful, as it gives us reassurance that there will be sufficient funds in the future to care for all the animals who will undoubtedly still need our help.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please call Kay McIntyre on 9209 9365, email bequests@rspcawa.org.au, or visit rspcawa.org.au/leave-a-legacy.



Carol Cape and her heroic volunteering feats

Paramedic by day with a superhero-sounding name to boot, Carol Cape is one of our most passionate volunteers, sharing her paramedic altruism to assist the neglected and mistreated cats and kittens in our care.

We had the pleasure of talking to her about her volunteer experience during National Volunteer Week in May this year. She dedicates her shifts to cleaning the cat condos and assisting staff with the rehabilitation of the more behaviourally challenging cats.

"Why do I volunteer? I volunteer because I have always loved animals, particularly cats. My aim was to be a vet, but I had soon realised that I am too soft and would have been unable to euthanize an animal, so I became a nurse and then a paramedic. Animals are so appreciative of care and kindness, more so than humans, and that is my motivation for volunteering. Humans can choose their destinations, but animals have no choice."

Some of her fondest memories are with the 'shut down' cats — those slow to trust. "That first



gentle paw touch, then a pat, and finally a head butt of trust — that's the best reward," she says.

At home, Carol cares for her own 'purr-fect' family — Stirrer and Star (ages 10 and 15, adopted from Cat Haven), and Onyx, her third rescue and the missing black cat from her life. Onyx won her over while in the care of RSPCA WA with his smooching and charm — though now at home, "He treats us as his slaves," she joked.

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of our organisation. It's not all fun cuddles and enjoyable walks with the dogs — the work they do is hard, dirty, and difficult. We couldn't do a thing without them.

We're so lucky to be surrounded by such hardworking, selfless, passionate people. Thank you, Carol, for your dedication and love!





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ADVOCACY IN FOCUS: CALF ROPING

A major rodeo in Western Australia still includes the cruel practice of calf roping for entertainment despite most West Aussies wanting to see it banned.

In May, RSPCA WA urged the community to think twice about attending the Mullewa Muster in the state's Mid West as the event spruiked calf roping amidst a schedule of 'family fun'.

RSPCA Australia Senior Scientific Officer and veterinarian Dr Di Evans said all rodeo events posed welfare risks to animals, but calf roping was the most concerning, due to its violent nature and the fact very young animals were used.

A massive 61 per cent of Australians are concerned about the animal welfare impacts of calf roping according to 2023 polling* (the latest polling).

"Watching a calf as young as four months being lassoed around the neck as they try to flee, then being yanked off their feet and thrown to the ground for the sake of entertainment is unacceptable," Dr Evans said.

"In the thick of the action, it can be easy for spectators to miss signs of fear, pain and stress, including escape attempts, bellowing, mouth gaping, whites of eyes showing, tongue protrusion, and tail swishing.

"When you know the signs to look for, it becomes abundantly clear these animals are not enjoying themselves. Two studies conducted by the University of Sydney in 2020 and 2022 showed that calves display signs of fear and distress, while desperately trying to avoid being chased, choked and forced to the ground.

"At least the humans participating in these rodeos have a choice; the animals do not."

Dr Evans said rodeos were promoted as a traditional part of rural life, but the way animals were treated did not reflect modern farming practices which promote low stress stock handling where animals are handled in a calm, gentle manner.

"It's very troubling that rodeos are spruiked as family events. We should be teaching children respect and compassion for animals, not condoning causing fear and stress for the sake of entertainment," she said.

Dr Evans said public concern about the welfare of animals in rodeos was growing. Independent research by McCrindle in 2024 found 89 per cent of Aussies were concerned about the welfare of animals used in rodeos.

"The RSPCA wants to see calf roping banned Australia-wide, as it effectively is in South Australia, Victoria and in the ACT where all rodeo events are banned," Dr Evans said.

"People can help by raising awareness of the risks inherent in rodeos, by not attending events in their local community, and by expressing their concerns to those businesses still associated with rodeos."

**2023 polling was commissioned by the RSPCA and conducted independently among a representative sample of 1500 Australians in February 2023.*

Calf roping is legal in Queensland, NSW, NT, Tasmania and WA. It is effectively banned in SA and Victoria because of a minimum body weight of 200kg for cattle used in rodeos. Rodeo events are banned in the ACT.

How to tell if a rodeo calf is stressed.



CONTENTED CALF
Relaxed face and ears in neutral position.



STRESSED CALF
Ears back and down.



STRESSED CALF
White of eyes showing, gaping mouth.



STRESSED CALF
Distressed bellowing.



STRESSED CALF
Rapid tail swishing.



STRESSED CALF
Pulling against rope in fear.

Micky and Tracey are together again at last

After spending six months presumed stolen, ginger cat Micky was found in a good Samaritan's garden in April.

He was looking worse for wear and eventually found his way to RSPCA WA. Micky had a cough and some gunk around his eyes, but experienced staff thought he looked like someone owned and loved him.

The vet team scanned him for a microchip and were thrilled when they found one. Micky's owner, Tracey, was contacted straight away and she raced to the Animal Care Centre in Malaga where she was tearfully reunited with her lost furry best friend.

Tracey said she and her family had searched for Micky for months to no avail and they eventually resigned themselves to the fact that he may have been stolen.

It turns out Micky was just roaming the streets for over six months undetected!

"When RSPCA WA called about Micky, I was stunned," Tracey said.

"He'd been gone for over six months, and I'd given up hope. I was so relieved to hear he was safe.

"Micky's back home, snuggling and purring away. Seeing his sweet face every day is amazing; it's like he never left.



"I've had Micky since he was a kitten; he always followed me, demanding cuddles, which he repaid with purrs. We named him after my beloved uncle, who was terminally ill at the time.



"Micky is family, not just a pet. He's my heart cat, and his purrs have helped me through some tough times.

"Thank you to whoever found him and the RSPCA staff who nursed him back to health and reunited us."

Micky's story of perseverance highlighted the importance of microchipping cats.

RSPCA WA Shelter Manager Emily Farrell said she was thrilled to see Micky reunited with his family.

"This story just shows how important it is to make sure your cat, or dog for that matter, is microchipped," she said.

"Without his microchip Micky would have been cleared for adoption and could have ended up in someone else's home.

"The reunion was beautiful, and we are overjoyed to see Micky happy and safe at home."

PREPARING FOR CHANGES TO CHEQUE GIVING, BUT THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

The Australian Government intends to phase out cheques by 2030, with many banking institutions commencing this process sooner.

At RSPCA WA, we rely on financial donations from our generous supporters to help animals in need. We know that many of you who choose to support our cause do so by giving with cheques. We understand this change to the cheque system may be a significant adjustment for our supporters and has the potential to impact the ability to continue to donate to RSPCA WA.

Currently RSPCA WA continues to accept cheques from most banking providers (please note we are unable to process cheques from P&N Bank), however, we do have the following alternate giving options to help you to continue donating to us:

- Donations can be made securely online using credit or debit card by visiting rspcawa.org.au

- Phone our donation team on (08) 9209 9311 to donate via credit or debit card.
- Return credit card details in the post using an RSPCA WA giving form and secure envelope.
- Make a bank transfer using your supporter ID as a reference. Please contact our office for bank account details.
- In person at RSPCA WA, 108 Malaga Drive Malaga WA 6090 during office hours.

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Financial donations help to protect and care for WA's most vulnerable animals, and we are truly grateful for the generous support we receive.

Seeking nominations!



The nomination period for the annual **RSPCA WA Animal Welfare Awards** is open across the following categories:

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